

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### Who Is NOT My Neighbour?



Today a law student asks Jesus "Who is my neighbour?" he might just as well have asked, "Who is NOT my neighbour." The law student was a Jew, and as such would only have considered fellow Jews as worthy of his neighbourly love. His loyalty to his own community would in itself have excluded those outside it. By asking Jesus "Who is my neighbour?" the lawyer is looking for excuses to withhold his love.

Are we sometimes guilty of the same transgression? We all agree in principle to Jesus' commandment to love our neighbours, but then we rule all sorts of people out. How can we love and respect those who don't show us any love or respect in return? How can we have sympathy for the benefit fraud, the drunk or the drug addict? How can we find any common ground with the refugee or the teenager upstairs who plays his music too loud and at all times of the day?

Jesus responds to the law student by telling the story of the 'Good Samaritan'. That he chooses a Samaritan to be the hero of the story is no coincidence, since Jews had ongoing grievances against the Samaritans and their hostilities had long set them apart. The parable condemns non-involvement.

How often do we refuse to be a 'Good Samaritan' because we fear for our own safety, or we are loath to spend money or time? Regardless of who we perceive as our neighbours, and regardless of any excuses, today we are asked, "Can we truly keep the commandment that leads to eternal life?"

#### Bitesize

"If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies."  
Moshe Dayan, Israeli general & politician (1915 - 1981)



#### PARISH PRAYER – Father, pour out your Spirit upon our parish.

Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your Word and a new consecration to your service, that your love might grow among us and your kingdom come, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Permanent Deacon:** Rev. Martin Sanderson

**Parish Music team:** Judy Reid & Kathleen Edmunds.

**Parish Safeguarding Representatives:** Paul McIntee & Kate Meehan

## Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary



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### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Sundays Year C, 15<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 3]

#### MASSES in the PARISH

##### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

Joy Bussey+

##### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July

##### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

09.00 MASS

Gretta Cummings+

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

For the People of the Parish

##### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July

##### Feria

- No Mass today

##### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

##### St Bonaventure

10.00 MASS

Betty Reavey+

##### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

##### Feria

10.00 MASS

Maria Cole+

##### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July

##### Feria

10.00 MASS & ADORATION

Joan Wells+

16.00 Reception of Gretta Cummings remains

##### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

##### Feria

11.30 Funeral Mass Gretta Cummings

##### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July

##### Feria

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

For the People of the Parish

##### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July

##### 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

09.00 MASS

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30**  
**EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass**

*Rosary & Morning Prayer are said weekdays before Mass from 09:15.*

*For Live Streamed Masses Search for Dereham Catholic Church on YouTube,  
or use the link on the parish website.*

The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.

**Anniversaries this week:** Dennis Mallam, Margaret Owen, Anne Tinney. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**Hospital Visits:** If you or any member of your family is admitted to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital and would like to have a visit from a Catholic Priest, please inform a nurse on the ward and contact will be made through the Chaplaincy. If you are admitted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn, please contact Fr. Peter Rollings at the Presbytery on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before going into hospital, please contact Fr. Jay either by phone or by email.


**Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for:** Shirley Liebenhals, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Colette Barrow-Nessian, William Dunne, Pauline Buckland, Katherine Vella, Pauline Organ, Pat Grout, George Mealy, Peggy Mealy, Richard Allison, Marion Ring-Davies, Patsy Thompson, Ann McWilliams, Margaret Glendon-Doyle, Mila Kaunaite, Elaine Wilkes, Anne Sibley.

**Money Matters:** Offering for the week was as follows:  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Plate £397.80;  
Offertory donations by standing orders for June was £2049.00.

There is a Second Collection this weekend for Stella Maris

**130 Club Monthly Draw Results for July 2025:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize £20 – Ticket No. 92, Julie Schurmann; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15 – 2, William Preddy;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 - Ticket No. 86, Gerry McCarthy; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 - Ticket No. 164, Kate Crowley.

Congratulations to **Graham Frost, Alex Holley, Andrew Morris, Lia Simpson and Stephen Wallis** who were received into the Catholic Church through the Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults here last **Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025** at the 6pm Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

<b>Diary for the week Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
Sunday 1100	<b>Children's Liturgy</b> – for children in Y1 to 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion age
Monday: 1400-1600	<b>Tea Buddies:</b> Monthly get-together for a friendly natter over a cuppa – Emmaus Room. All welcome. Every second Monday of the month. 
Monday: 1900-2030	<b>AA Group Meeting</b> - Emmaus Room
Wednesday: 1430	<b>Queen of Peace Prayer Group</b> – Emmaus Room. All welcome.
Friday 19.15-20.20	<b>Altar Servers</b> – final meeting before the summer holidays
<b>Parish Garden Club</b> – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.	

The arrangements for her Funeral of **Gretta Cummings** this week:  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 4pm Reception into the Church  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 11.30am Funeral Mass  
Condolences to her family and friends.

**100<sup>TH</sup>**

**Anniversary**

**The Parish Centenary Mass Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025 6pm**

Bishop Peter Collins will be attending our Parish Centenary Mass next month – please make a note of this important date in your diary.

**Parking:** As parking at the Church is limited, alternative options include Morrisons or QD car parks, both of which offer free parking for up to 3 hours. Priority parking at the Church will be reserved for those with mobility difficulties or other genuine needs. Please call the office in advance to let us know.

**Food for the Celebration** - Please consider bringing a savoury or sweet dish to help us provide plenty of food for everyone. There's a sign-up sheet at the back of the church—please write your name there if you're able to contribute.

Food can be dropped off at the Presbytery from 4:30pm.

A drink will be provided for a toast, but feel free to bring any additional drinks you'd like with your food. Glasses will be available.

**Volunteers Needed / Ushers** - We need help from 1600 to:

Set up tables and chairs

Set out the food and drinks after Mass

Help serve and tidy up

If you're able to help, please speak to one of the team.

**Lifts to church** - We're also looking for parishioners who need or can provide lifts.

**Other upcoming Parish events:**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August – Altar Servers Day Out / Bowling and Pizza

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August – Parish BBQ

**Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate**

Jonathan Callejo (The Cathedral) and Jonathan Wright (OLEM) are to be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on 19<sup>th</sup> July at 1130 at the Cathedral. We keep them in our prayers.

**Forms are now available** at the back of the church for applications for the Sacraments of **First Holy Communion** (Year 3 and above). **Confirmation** (year 9 and above) starting in autumn, also expressions of interest for **RCIA** (for Adults to be received into the Catholic Church). Please return completed forms to Fr Jay.

**Volunteers needed** - after the Parish Meeting we are seeking volunteers to some Ministries in the church - Lector and Eucharistic Minister. This would involve a small amount of your time on a rota basis:

Please consider helping the Parish, and sign the sheet at the back of the church if you are willing to help out.

Volunteers also needed for the St Vincent de Paul group please.

\*Rotas for cleaners in the pigeonholes to collect please.